

The Democrat De-Stimulus

Not a Jobs Plan – Just a Hodgepodge of Liberal Pet Projects

How it works:

- \$1.2 trillion total cost to taxpayers. This would be the largest spending bill ever enacted by Congress.
- Will create over **\$10,000 in debt for each American family**. That will be paid back in higher taxes for generations.
- 80% of the spending will not occur until 2010 or later.
- Only 5% directed to infrastructure like highways and bridges.
- Only 12% of the bill is likely to have any stimulative affect. \$40 billion on infrastructure, about \$40 billion for upgrades to our telecommunications and electricity infrastructure, and about \$20 billion in business tax cuts.
- Over \$142 billion in federal education funding. This would **double** the budget of the Department of Education, more than 3 times the amount spent on infrastructure.

Spending items include:

- \$400 million for researching sexually transmitted diseases.
- \$200 million for bike and pedestrian trails and off-road vehicle routes.
- \$200 million to force the military to buy environmentally-friendly electric cars.
- \$34 million to renovate the Department of Commerce headquarters.
- \$75 million for a program to end smoking, which if successful will bankrupt the Children's Health Insurance Program Democrats are about to enlarge.
- \$650 million for digital TV coupons.
- \$50 million for the National Endowment for the Arts.
- \$150 million for honey bee insurance.

The estimated effect on the American economy:

- No exact amount has been released, only a general estimate of 3 million jobs saved or created (not all new jobs) over the course of a "few" years.
- 600,000 of the estimated jobs saved or created will be government jobs.
- Joint Committee on Taxation staff testified that no jobs could be guaranteed to be created under the Democrat plan.

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